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THIS IS A SPECIAL CONVENTION ISSUE OF THE PIKES PEAK RADIO AMATEUR ASSOCIOATION "ZERO BEAT". IT IS PRINTED WITH THE INTENTION OF INFORMING THOSE READING THIS OF THE HISTORY OF THE CLUB. IT ALSO SHOWS HOW MUCH THINGS REMAIN THE SAME AS THEY CHANGE. WE WOULD WELCOME ANYONE INTERESTED IN VISITING US TO COME TO A MEETING. WE MEET AT GIUSEPPE'S DEPOT RESTAURANT IN THE OLD RAILRAOD DEPOT AT #10 S. SIERRA MADRE ST. EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:30 PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US, WHETHER A LICENSED HAM OR NOT.

The following excerps are from past publications of Zero Beat and we hope you enjoy reading a bit of out past as much as we did being there.

From the Zero Beat of 1941 we find that on 5-9-41 a motion was approved to take a "Sky Buddy" to Tinky's house until the club house is ready. (does anyone remember Tinky?) On 5-16-41, Pres. Schisler presided as the members passed a motion to throw out the junk including coal, "code Ose" and wet magazines. The club also voted to let club members only operate the club equipment. (sound familiar?) On 5-23-41 the members then voted to allow women to become members of the club. On 5-30-41 the club held discussion on Field Day. Mrs. Schisler-'s application was received and accepted by unanimous vote. (Was she the first female club member?)

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On February 28, 1941 the club became a "paper" club with the suggestion by Carl Drumellier that the club not be dropped. Election of officers followed with Carl being elected as president. It was then decided to take all possible measures to presevrethe club and its original title as Pikes Peak Amateur Radio Club. Carl then suggested that due to the present situation, the club sell all its equipment and divide the money received among the club members. There were four members present to sign the last club entry on that date. (The war brought radio to a halt for the duration)

The next formal meeting of the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Club was held on November 8th at the YMCA. Those present and constituting membership were: WØCCG, WØHDU, WØEHB, WØLZY, WØJMB, WØKMS, WØANX, WØHEM. WØKSB AND WØSGG phoned to say that they could not attend due to the weather. Among the business conducted was a short discussion about the pending city ordinance regarding TV antenna towers and antennas to be installed by electricians. (Things don't sound so different now) On 5-9-51 there were 16 members paid and now on the official club roster. Cecil Wood, the EC, gave a report on the civil defense net drill of the atom bomb attack. The club passed a motion to name the club " the El Paso radio Club " on 1-1Ø-51.

ON 5-14-52 the club had 17 members and 1Ø visitors at the meeting. A test was reported on that tested two meters from Cheyenne Mntn. The test got on TV but not two meters. "Must have been a little off frequency!" is the report. 7 rigs were promised for field day with their own power supplies.

The club voted to continue the newsletter on 5-1Ø-53. The field day festivities were to held at the Black Forest picnic grounds. (Things sound more and more familiar)

On 5-11-55 there were 1Ø members and 1 visitor present at the meeting. All agreed that more transmitter hunts should be held.

In 1957 there were no records available for a May meeting but WØANX, Jim Merrill, resumed as EC.

On 5-14-58 Woodie resigned as Sec'y-Tres. KØMDV was elected to fill in. Assets for the club were $84.21. The hill climb was the evenings discussion.

On 2-11-59 a motion was presented by WØYJO, KØGBS, WØCVG, KØDSI, WØSWS, WØVLY, and KØKLD to change the name of the club to " PIKES PEAK AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION". The motion was voted on and carried at the meeting of 2-11-59. On 4-18-59 a contest was held to select a club emblem and was won by Bill Baker.

On 5-10-67 George WØGCH, started raising donations for the station at the Red Cross. Frank Craw, WØHWH, was the editor of the Zero Beat. Max Main, WØBDH, was the club president.

In May, 1968, the club president was john Summers, WAØHHN. The club met in the Red Cross Center. The ARRl Rocky Mntn Convention was going to be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming on June 29 & 30th.

In May, 1969, the club president was Pete, KØUDG. The club met at the U. S. Naval Reserve Trng Cntr. The FCC charged $4 for hams licenses. (many complained that the $4 was to high) Military to amateur radio crossband test were to be conducted on Armed Forces Day, may 17th.the club call, WAØVTU, was issued to be used on the new repeater to be placed on Cheyenne Mntn.

In May, 1970, Bill King, WØLKD, was the club president and Frank Craw was STILL the Zero Beat editor. (musta loved punishment) Carl SMITH, then WØBWJ, was elected as V. P. of ARRL. Frank, WØHWH, had just finished wiring a model railroad layout in time to tear it all out due to an eviction notice. The Rocky Mntn ARRL Conv. was to be held in Estes Park on June 12 - 14th.

The Rocky Mountain ARRL Convention was held at the Antlers Hotel in Colorado Springs in June, 1971. Cecil Wood, WØTV was given a life membership in the PPRAA in March, 1971. Cecil was first on the air in 1910, and was issued his first license as 9TV in 1916.

In May, 1972 the club president was George, WØGCH, and Frank STILL was the Zero Beat editor (he musta been a saint!). The Zero Beat also reflected the coming age by having a column titled "Understanding Computers". In the June 25th, 1972 issue, the Colorado Sprgs SUN reported that the Colorado Springs hams were active in passing traffic from the east coast due to Hurricane Agnes. At the same time a tornado struck in Dumas, Texas.

What the past three pages of this newsletter show is that the Pikes Peak Amateur radio Association has a long and established history. Many of the fine people who made this club work and grow are still in there doing it. People like Oak, KØROL; Rosie, WAØMNL; Mike, KØTER; and others that I can't recall. As editor of the newsletter for the club, I take great pleasure in presenting some of the background history of this club. We, the members of the PPRAA hope that you find time to visit us and share some of the things that happen in your club with us. The club looks much as in the past with exception of the names, but you will recognize some of them.

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